

WILL DEDICATE ST. MARY'S NEW CHURCH WITH SOLEMN CEREMONIES

Rt. Rev. Bishop John J. Nihan of Hartford, head of the Roman Catholic diocese of Hartford, will on Sunday morning dedicate the new St. Mary's Memorial church on Central avenue at the corner of Prospect street, the building of which has been a crowning achievement of the pastorate of Rev. William A. Keefe, who has been pastor of the church since 1915. The construction of the new church has been underway ever since March 19, 1921, when the first ground was broken.

The dedicatory sermon at the high mass at 10.30 will be by Rev. William H. Kennedy, pastor at South Coventry, a former curate at St. Mary's church. At 7.30 the preacher will be Rev. Dr. Maurice McAuliffe of Hartford.

The following will be the musical programme arranged for the dedication by the organist and choir director, Henry La Fontaine:

Dedication Mass—10.30 O'clock	Solemn Vespers—7.30 P. M.
Triumphale Naaman	Jubilant Deo Loyal
Amperge Me Organ	Domine ad Adjuvandum Mercadante
Kyrie Mozart	Dixit Dominus Mercadante
Gloria in Excelsis Deo Mozart	Laudate Dominum double trio Lambillotte
Qui Tollis, Quartet with chorus Mozart	Alma Redemptoris, soprano and chorus Gregorian
Quoniam Tu Solus, baritone and quartet, Mozart	Veni Crator, tenor
Cum Sancto Spiritu	O Salutaris, tenor
Dixit Dominus Deus, duet, soprano and baritone	Tantum Ergo Verdusson
Credo Mozart	Divine Praises, double male quartet Gregorian
Et Incarnatus Est, tenor and quartet	Holy God We Praise Thy Name Congregation
Sanctus Benedictus soprano and quartet	Soloists—Misses Sadie A. Driscoll, Eleanor Donovan, soprano; Misses Rose Malone, Lucy Woods, Mrs. John O'Rourke, contralto; Horace Corning, baritone;
Agnus Dei Recessional	
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Henry LaFontaine, Nicholas Spellman, Edward Connelly, tenor; Horace Corning, baritone.

The new church takes the place of the old St. Mary's church at the foot of the hill on North Main street which has been known as the cradle of the Catholic faith in this city and for miles around in the early days when people were known to walk ten miles to attend mass at St. Mary's. It was from this church the lamented Father Daniel Mullen had a glorious career and from where he went as chaplain in the Civil war.

The church was first opened by priests of the Jesuit order, who came here from Holy Cross at Worcester, to celebrate monthly masses. It is a coincidence in this connection that the present pastor, Rev. James J. Smith, is a Holy Cross graduate, and members of the faculty and brother priests are expected here for the ceremonies Sunday. The old church was opened for public worship on March 17, 1845.



HENRY LA FONTAINE
Choir Director and Organist

For a number of years the church as a parish church was closed and served as a mission church from St. Patrick's, this city, following the erection of the latter some 45 years ago.

In November, 1897, the late Bishop Michael Tierney decided to re-establish St. Mary's as a separate parish and sent Rev. James J. Smith from St. Lawrence O'Toole's church, Hartford, as its first pastor. Father Smith found a very difficult task awaiting him on his arrival in town, with nothing to start on but the present old church which had become partly dismantled. But once he gained a footing he found a class of parishioners who loved and admired him in his labors and stood ready to respond and give him assistance. Many thought his first move in the building line would be the church, but his great love for education prompted him to sacrifice this and build the new parish school and convent on Hickory street which were dedicated one Sunday afternoon by the late Monsignor John Synott in the summer of 1902 and opened for work in the fall of the same year. The work of the school in the past 20 years has always shown favorable ratings at the Norwich Free Academy and has proven a source of much joy to the parish. Its graduates have stood well in the business and professional world, while some have chosen the religious life as their life work. Father Smith's first curate was Rev. Wietold Becker (now deceased) who ministered to the Polish people then coming to town and classed as St. Mary's parishioners. The handsome rectory was built and occupied by Father Smith in April, 1909, and with it he purchased the land adjoining it from the Kelly estate upon which the present new church now stands.

On May 1, 1911, Bishop Nihan transferred Father Smith to St. Francis church, New Haven, which brought Rev. John H. Fitzmaurice from St. Mary's, Jewett City, as the new pastor.

Father Fitzmaurice accomplished much good for the spiritual wants of his people, succeeded in wiping out the small debt and had a neat little sum in the treasury when he was ordered in from all classes both within and without the town and many former parishioners sent donations by mail. The result of the drive surprised both pastor and people and the new church seemed a reality. One Sunday evening in May, 1920, Father Keefe, the pastor, drove the first stake, assisted by Fathers Kennedy and Walsh, the latter a parish boy, and a Catholic Chinese bishop who was in this vicinity in the interests of his mission fields was also present. The work then remained at a standstill until Saturday, March 19, 1921 (the Feast of St. Joseph) when the real breaking of ground attracted an audience of over 8,000 people. Fathers Keefe and Kennedy, trustees John T. Sullivan and Francis J. Murtha of the builders, John E. Carroll, with Mayor Herbert M. Leroux guiding a span of horses set the wheels of labor in motion and by midnight half the cellar had been finished.



REV. JOHN J. AMBOT
Former Curate
Now of Hartford

The completion of the church has been accomplished in time to bring the dedication two weeks following the 25th anniversary of the organization of the parish which from its lowly start has now reached an enumeration of 3,000 souls.

The church societies have always been found ready and willing to carry on any work assigned them which has resulted in so much good both to the individual and the parish. The church societies are the following: Married Women, Ladies Charitable, Young Ladies' Sodality, Maidens of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception, thus reaching all the women and girls of the parish; and the Holy Name society, senior and junior branches, and the Third Sunday Brigade thus caring for all the men and boys.

All the societies are listed as monthly communicants, each society having a

August, 1919, to take charge of St. Patrick's parish, Waterbury. Rev. William A. Keefe, the present pastor, who had been a curate under Father Smith for three years, when he was assigned his first pastorate at Volantown and then going to Plainfield, was Bishop Nihan's choice to be the new pastor after Father Fitzmaurice.

The parish by this time was on a firm footing save for a new church, which was badly wanted and to which Father Keefe turned his thoughts first attention. Following a successful mission given by Father Chestnut and Keegan in December, 1919, and in January, 1920, a two weeks drive was launched for a fund to start the new church. The slogan was "Give a Liberty Bond or War Savings Stamp" and the drive netted the amazing sum of \$75,000.

The subscribers and contributors came



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Opening Announcement

After eighteen years' experience in this city as manager for H. D. Barrows on Main Street, N. Eugene Smith begs to announce the opening of a NEW shoe store at 28 Broadway on Saturday, December 9th, under the name of Smith's Shoe Store. The public is cordially invited to inspect this NEW store and a hearty welcome and uniform courtesy is assured to all.

Miss Marion E. Baker, who has been formerly associated with Mr. Smith will still continue to be his able assistant and will greet all friends, both old and new.

The following items will give but a faint idea of the splendid lines that will be carried:

- DR. BUNYON CUSHION SOLE SHOES
- THE FAMOUS RALSTON SHOES FOR MEN
- McELWAIN SHOES FOR MEN AND BOYS
- KREIDER SHOES OF NEW YORK FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
- THOMPSON-CROOKER SHOES
- AULT-WILLIAMSON CONSTANT COMFORT SHOES
- AND BARNARD'S SHOES FOR WOMEN
- JOSEPH MELANSON FINE SHOES FOR MISSES

Also a Fine Assortment of Shoes for Infants.
Ball Band Rubbers for the whole family.
Smart, Serviceable Shoes, at Moderate Prices.

We will also feature an attractive line of Hosiery which we are sure will please you.

Smith's Shoe Store

DEL-HOFF BUILDING

The Boston Store Norwich Reid & Hughes Co. Conn.

The Christmas Store

In The Men's Shop

Advance Showing of
WEARPLUS NECKTIES
A Good Gift for \$1.00

Ties that last longer. No flannel lining to twist and wrinkle. They slip easy, and make a good knot. We have just received a very comprehensive assortment of the newest holiday patterns including two-tone swirl cords and imported broads.

High-Grade Men's Shirts
ONLY \$1.79

You can't match them for less than \$2.00. Try it. Made of genuine Fruit of the Loom, Corduroy Cords, and Yarn-dyed Madras, in many attractive stripes and check designs. The colors are guaranteed fast. Sizes 14 to 17.

35c Mercerized Lisle Socks
Black, Cordovan, Navy and Gray Socks with two-thread reinforced heel and toe. Sizes 8 1/2 to 12—
29c A PAIR
4 PAIRS FOR \$1.00

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas is a sort of clearing house for the bank of human kindness. It is the time, of all times, to make recognition of that wonderful attribute of human nature, our capability for love, for affection, for friendship.

Christmas, by ancient custom, gives the opportunity for making this expression in a concrete form. The Boston Store through its beautiful assortment of special holiday stocks offers a wonderful opportunity for you to give personality to each and every gift you make.

The gift counters have been planned to save you time, and to afford suggestions as to really worthwhile gifts.

A LITTLE CLEAN-UP OF SEASONABLE MILLINERY

100 CHOICE HATS..... \$2.95

It seems a shame to mark them down, for every one of them is seasonable, and not one of them should sell for less than \$5.00, and many of them are worth at least \$7.50. It is simply that we have the hats, Christmas approaches, and we feel that you need them more than we do. They are all attractive models in Duvelyn, in Gold and Silver combined with Velvet—Hats of black, and Hats of all colors.

Mighty Attractive and Only \$2.95
SPORT HATS WHICH WERE \$7.50 TO \$10.00
AT TWO SPECIAL PRICES \$3.98 and \$5.00

CHRISTMAS SALE OF FURS



Be Sure to Make Your Selection Today

A representative of one of New York's leading Furriers is with us for just this one more day. He has with him a beautiful selection of wonderful Coats, Wraps, and all the smaller pieces of which fashion approves.

The prices are way down. Quality way up. Sleek Seal, thick Beaver, silky Squirrel, curly Caracul—all the furs of the season are included in the event.

If you have a charge account, any Furs you may select will not be billed to you until February 1st.

Special Christmas Hosiery

A Big Saturday Value
WOMEN'S \$2.50 SILK and WOOL STOCKINGS
Only \$1.25

These beautiful silk and wool Stockings are subject to slight mill hurts, but nothing which can be noticed when worn, or that will injure the wearing qualities in any way. Your choice of black or brown, with white or colored clocks.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

FANCY TURKISH TOWELS From the convenient guest size to the more generous full size Towels, there's a very large assortment to select from. The colorings, blue, pink, lavender and orange, enable you to match any color scheme— 39c, 59c, 79c and 99c In Linen Department	DOUBLE DAMASK CLOTHS 72 by 72—Value \$14.00— SPECIAL \$8.50 72 by 90—Value \$16.00— SPECIAL \$10.50 72 by 108—Value \$18.00— SPECIAL \$12.50 In Linen Department	ELECTRIC CURLING IRONS Attach to the light socket near the dressing table. Decidedly convenient— FOR \$3.97 ELECTRIC TOASTER It is fascinating to see the toast browning so nicely. A very ingenious utensil— FOR \$4.47 (In the Downstairs Store) THE CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS Useful and pleasing gifts from our Women's and Children's Hosiery Department. (Packed in Christmas Boxes if Desired) WOMEN'S FULL-FASHIONED SILK Made with the tape-seam back. Black and colors— ONLY \$2.50	WOMEN'S LION BRAND SILK HOSE A standard make which we carry every month in the year, and which we sell usually for \$2.25 a pair. Black and colors— ONLY \$1.75 PHOENIX SILK STOCKINGS A make which every woman knows. Get her a box of them for Christmas. Black, Cordovan or White— \$1.95 and \$2.55 A PAIR OTHER SILK STOCKINGS FROM \$1.50 TO \$5.00 A PAIR CHILDREN'S SILK RIBBED HOSE In Black or White— \$1.25 A PAIR
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Toyland Is In the Downstairs Store

Where you will find a large and comprehensive assortment of all that goes to make up a happy Christmas for the little ones. Dolls, Toys and Games of all kinds have been priced most thoughtfully, and those with slender purses can be pleased as readily as those who are more fortunate.

A SUGGESTION—DO YOUR CHRISTMAS BUYING EARLY



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set Sunday at either of the first two masses. The regular Sunday mass hours are listed at 7.30, 9 (children) and 10.30, the usual high mass for the day. Priests who have labored in the parish for the past 25 years are:

Rev. James J. Smith (pastor), 1897—1911.
Rev. Wietold Becker (curate), 1897—1899.
Rev. Joseph Culkowski (curate) 1899—1909.
Rev. John J. Ambot (curate), 1909—1905.
Rev. James A. O'Meara (curate), 1905—1907.
Rev. William A. Keefe (curate), 1907—1910.
Rev. William H. Kennedy (curate) 1910—1922.
Rev. John H. Fitzmaurice (pastor), 1911—1919.
Rev. William A. Keefe (present pastor), 1919—
Rev. Frederick M. Cobolan (present curate), 1922—

Of the clergy Father Becker died at Bridgeport and Father Culkowski at Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. August J. Mayotte who had a short curacy under Father Fitzmaurice, died at Putnam. He had served as an army chaplain in the late World war.

Other short term curates in the parish were a Polish priest working under Father Smith and Rev. Charles J. Hussey, under Father Fitzmaurice.

St. Mary's Church Corporation which cares for the parish property numbers the following committee: Rt. Rev. John J. Nihan, bishop of the Hartford diocese; Vice Generals, Rev. Thomas Duggan, Hartford; Rev. William A.

GRISWOLD

Curtis Kinne of Canterbury was a guest of Victor Campbell Sunday.

Miss Bertha Geer spent Thanksgiving at home.

Miss Bertha Montgomery and two girl friends spent Thanksgiving at home.

Mrs. Addie Lord and daughter Elsie were callers in Volantown Monday evening.

Mrs. Jane Lester returned Saturday from a visit with friends in Westerly, R. I.

Mrs. Victor Campbell is able to be out after several days' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson entertained for Thanksgiving Mrs. Johnson's sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Amos Main of Gale Ferry.

Mrs. Margaret Geer entertained at dinner Thursday and Mrs. J. P. Richardson and Miss Ida Edmund.

The members of the C. E. society served a supper in the town hall Tuesday evening consisting of baked beans, cold meat, brown bread, rolls, pickles and coffee. There was a duet by Miss Tolp-Burton and Blanche Montgomery, and a reading by Mrs. E. A. Geer which added much to the entertainment of the evening.

BOZRAH

Bozrah Grange held its regular meeting Wednesday evening with a large number attending. There was an attendance contest between two teams, Charles Davis and Mrs. Nelson Stark, captains. Mrs. Stark's team won.

Henry Clark spent the day recently in Fitchville.

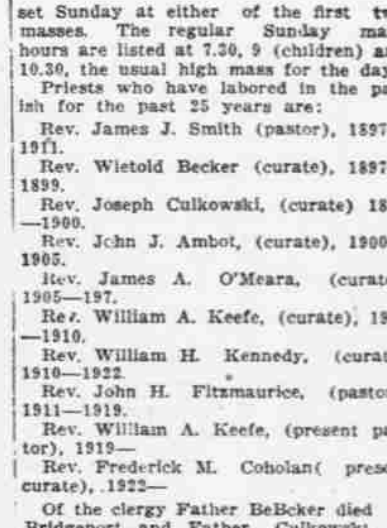
The ladies of the Bozrah Grange catered at the auction held at the Nelson Stark farm in Fitchville Wednesday. Several from this section attended the auction.

ROAD SOCIETY

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He was first assigned as curate at Taftville, and following this, served as curate at Waterbury, Bridgeport and at St. Mary's in this city. Twelve years ago he was assigned to his first pastorate at Volantown, where he remained for a year before he was transferred to Plainfield. Here he was pastor for eight years, and was then transferred to the pastorate of St. Mary's.

Rev. Frederick M. Cobolan, the present curate, is a native of New Britain, and was assigned to the parish on June 1st of the present year, succeeding Rev. William H. Kennedy, who was made pastor at South Coventry. Father Cobolan had held a nine-year curacy at St. Brendan's parish, New Haven, previous to his Norwich appointment.

The parish school is taught by Sister Mary J. Carolus with seven other Sisters of Mercy and Father Cobolan as principal.

The land upon which the parish school and convent was built, was acquired from the "Shaddock" company while that upon which the rectory stands was bought from the Barry estate. The former rectory was the present Dr. E. J. Murphy house.

The grounds upon which the church stands, have been nicely graded, new walks laid and the city and its committees have been very generous with the money in the grading of Prospect street.

Hills, N. J., were weak end guests of Mrs. N. Stanton Gates.

Gaston Penke has installed a hot air furnace and electric light plant and wired his house and barn for electricity.

Miss Grace D. Wheeler spent Saturday with Miss Mary Dean at Old Mystic.

Mrs. George G. Spalding was in Hartford on Tuesday.

Ralph C. Wheeler has recently had a hot air furnace installed in his house.

Paul Dewey left recently for Dayton, O., where he has found employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth N. Wheeler were dinner guests of relatives at Potter Hill recently.

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GOSHEN

William Curry and brother Archie E. Curry of Springfield, Mass., were present at the home of their father, W. T. Curry over the week end.

The Y. P. E. C. E. meeting was held in the church Sunday evening. A social hour with songs was enjoyed after the meeting.

William C. Thomas has returned to Lebanon.

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UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Unclaimed letters in the Norwich, Conn. post office for week ending Dec. 8, 1922, are as follows: Alex. J. Andruski, Miss Lilla Chapman, Emil Dushoff, Rev. L. O. Gates, James W. McGrath, Miss Jennie C. Russell, Miss Christine H. Smith, J. R. Verr.

Miss Kaye to Del. Spencer.

Miss Helen B. Hoyer, one of the Norwich kindergarten teachers, is to speak this (Saturday) morning at 1 o'clock at the December meeting of the Lucy Wheelock kindergarten alumni association in Boston. Her topic will be "My Experiment in Education."

Don't confide in a person who makes no mention of you.